

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Office of Health Policy
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Health Care Transparency
Tuesday, April 28, 2009
1:00 PM – 3 PM
Bluegrass Conference Room**

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- II. Approval of Minutes (February 2, 2009)
- III. Present Draft Emergency Department Report
- IV. Status of Data Reporting by Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- V. Status of Data Reporting Regulation
- VI. Discuss Funding for Emergency Department Data
- VII. Status of PQI Reports for 2007 Data
- VIII. Discuss Dates/Sites for Future Meetings
- IX. Other Business
- X. Adjourn

**SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE
TRANSPARENCY MEETING
February 2, 2009
1:00 p.m.**

PRESENT:

Carrie Banahan
Office of Health Policy

Bill Doll
Jackson, Kelly PLLC

Dr. John Lewis
Health Care Excel

Steve Nunn
Department of Mental Health,
Developmental Disabilities, and
Addiction Services

Melodie Shrader
Kentucky Association of
Health Plans

Chuck Warnick
Kentucky Hospital
Association

Marty White
Kentucky Medical Association

ABSENT:

Sharon Clark
Department of Insurance

Victor Cooper, DC
Cooper Chiropractic Center

Dr. William Hacker
Department for Public
Health

Betsy Johnson
Department for Medicaid
Services

Ben Yandell
Norton Health Care

STAFF: Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Policy
Allison Martinez Kris Hayslett Beth Morris
Chandra Venettozzi

CALL TO ORDER

Carrie Banahan called the meeting to order in the Bluegrass Room located in the CHR building. The minutes from the December 8, 2008, meeting were approved as distributed.

PREVIEW NEW IQI WEBSITE

Since the last meeting, the Cabinet has been working with IT staff to make the website more interactive and user-friendly. Allison Martinez provided an overview of the changes to the test website. Users will be able to select a condition, choose to compare facilities to either the state rate or the national rate and run the numbers by county, area development district or the entire state.

Carrie stated that there will be some discussion with the Data Advisory Subcommittee regarding the Patient Safety Indicators, which have not been utilized but are part of the AHRQ package.

The revised website is expected to be available within the month.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS SUGGESTIONS

During the previous meeting, a recommendation was made to create maps that contained information such as the percentage of uninsured, income level, and socio-economic factors that can impact how a patient ends up in the Emergency Room with a condition such as the flu. Allison provided an overview of such maps. Chuck Warnick stated that some of these maps could be misleading because Kentucky residents could be traveling to other states to receive care.

Chandra asked if a link to the Home Health and Nursing Home comparison sites would be beneficial, as well as the link to the Hospital comparison site. Carrie suggested getting permission to publish these links.

Kris Hayslett is currently working on a guide for the uninsured to navigate the process of registration and paying for hospital services.

Chandra has contacted Medicaid to assist with identifying the amount of indigent care provided by each hospital.

UPDATE FROM LAST DAS MEETING

Bill Doll asked what information would be collected through the Emergency Department (ED) Data. Carrie responded that at this point the Cabinet only has six months worth of ED data. She asked for recommendations from the group as to how they think the data should be utilized. Some recommendations were visits for flu, usage of the Emergency Department for primary care, payor source information, and which day of the week that the ER was used most frequently.

The public use dataset regulation is currently moving through the process and once Health and Welfare meets, the regulation will be final. The administrative regulation governing data reporting by facilities will need to be amended to incorporate a new data reporting manual that will be used by Ambulatory Facilities to report their data. These facilities are now allowed to submit less data elements than hospitals. The amount of fines for non-compliance was also discussed, as well as loosening the compliance standard.

NON-COMPLIANCE UPDATE

After the first and second quarter reporting, there were 69 letters sent to non-compliant facilities requesting corrective action plans. There are now two facilities that are struggling with data submission. Chandra and Chuck Warnick will be following up with these facilities.

STATUS OF NEW ASC REQUIRED TO REPORT

The Office of Health Policy began working with Ambulatory Surgery Centers in December to begin submitting their claims data. To date, all ASC's except 5 have been contacted in person or via phone by OHP to provide them with information and support to begin claims submission.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 1:00 pm in the Bluegrass Conference Room.